

Alaska Fellows Program Position Description

**Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center
International Arctic Research Center
University of Alaska Fairbanks
akcasc.org**

Fairbanks, Alaska

This position is part of the Alaska Fellows Program. All fellows live together, “in community,” in their respective host site. Each host site is unique and remarkable.

Fellows receive housing, a \$1000 monthly living stipend and a \$500 relocation stipend. The fellowship includes facilitated and funded opening and closing retreats.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you are applying to a position in Juneau, please note that the program will last seven months (October-April) while other programs will run nine months (September-May).

For other questions about the application process, email applications@alaskafellows.org.

Work Term: September 2021 - May 2022 (based in Fairbanks)

Employer: Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC)

Contact: Scott Rupp, AK CASC University Director

Title: Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network Fellow

Organization Description: The Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center is a partnership between the University of Alaska and the United States Geological Survey, and Congressionally mandated to meet state and federal, inclusive of tribes, needs around climate impacts, adaptation, and resilience. The AK CASC is hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks International Arctic Research Center with a USGS-hosted office in Anchorage. The AK CASC provides scientific information, tools, and techniques that managers and others interested in land, water, wildlife, and cultural resources can use to adapt to climate change.

The Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network (AK TRLN) is a system of support focused on learning, sharing, technical assistance and training for Alaska Tribes, leadership, and Indigenous communities as they respond and adapt to the current and future impacts of climate change. The AK TRLN is designed for Alaska Tribes and Indigenous communities that are working towards their climate adaptation priorities, especially those that have received the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Resilience Program funding.

Position Description: The AK Tribal Resilience Learning Network Fellow will join the learning network as a team member and assist in strengthening support for Alaska tribes addressing climate impacts through proactive adaptation planning. Specific duties may vary depending on the strengths and interests of the applicant.

Potential areas of focus:

- Research, survey and summarize the long-term needs related to climate change planning support among Alaska Native regional organizations and/or tribes.
- Develop a Tribal climate adaptation menu that highlights specific adaptation strategies and traditional knowledge practices.
- Build upon a co-production framework to assist in creating a tribal engagement strategy.
- Support the development and delivery of climate adaptation training and curriculum that supports the climate adaptation priorities and needs of AK TRLN participants.
- Support partnerships among organizations, tribes, non-profits, students, and individuals that foster greater connectivity among Learning Network members and the broader climate adaptation community of practice.

Position Logistics:

The Fellow will work approximately 40 hours per week with office accommodations at the International Arctic Research Center on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The fellow will report to Malinda Chase, AK CASC Tribal Liaison.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Background and experience working with Indigenous Peoples of Alaska;
- Experience with cross-cultural communication skills and a desire to build and expand upon these skills;
- Willing to work collaboratively as a team member and desire to learn;
- Excellent interpersonal and relationship management skills with ability to build cooperation, resolve problems, manage projects and implement appropriate solutions;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to work independently, be reliable without daily direct supervision, and manage time well;
- Intermediate to Advanced Computer and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.) skills;

Preferred:

- Demonstrated ability to work and organize at the village/community level;

Work Authorization: The AK CASC is not able to sponsor HB1 visas for this position.

Contact Information for Questions: Malinda Chase, mjchase@alaska.edu

Application Materials: A complete application should include a cover letter, resume, two letters of reference and two additional references for potential reference check.

Submit materials to: Mimi Lesniak, mflesniak@alaska.edu for Scott Rupp

When submitting your applications, please also copy applications@alaskafellows.org.